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Mr. Guenther H. Ruch, Administrator Regulation and Enforcement Division Office of the Commissioner of Insurance 125 South Webster Street P.O. Box 7873 Madison, WI 53707-7873

Re: Wellpoint Form A Acquisition of Cobalt Corporation

Dear Guenther:

Yesterday Wellpoint was informed that the parties received early termination of the required waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act. A written confirmation will be filed upon receipt.

Very truly yours,

MICHAEL BEST & FRIEDRICH LLP

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